

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Inter County Connector Project**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)historic ☐ Henry C. Miller Propertyand/or common ☐ Barbara Sykes Property2. **Location:**

street &amp; number 16600 Brogden Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Spencerville

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery

3. **Classification:****Category**☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☐ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☒ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ education☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ transportation☐ museum☐ park☒ private☐ residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ other:4. **Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Barbara S. Sykes

street &amp; number 48 Halifax Street

telephone no.:

city, town Jamaica Plains

state and zip code MA 02130

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 9032

street &amp; number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 861

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

☐ federal☐ state☐ county☐ local

depository for survey records

y, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:15-82 (PACS D3.34)

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Henry C. Miller Property is a 2-story, 2-bay house on the west side of Brogden Road in the Spencerville vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1890, the building is L-shaped in plan with at least three additions to the original house. The original house is a side-gable structure, 2-stories tall by 1-room deep. Attached to the rear of this section is a 2-story, rear ell. Projecting from the west side of the rear ell and the rear of the original house is a 2-story shed roof addition, with a 1-story shed roof addition to the west. It is of wood frame construction with adhesive veneer brick veneer siding, and it has a stone foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The house has a 1-story, wrap-around, hipped roof porch on the front and east elevations. The porch has a poured concrete floor and has eight posts with arched brackets. The porch has a closed railing covered with brick veneer, the remainder of which is enclosed by screened panels.

The south, or front facade has a side-passage first story entrance, consisting of a 15-light glass and panel door covered by an aluminum storm door. The first floor has a vinyl 1/1 double-hung window, while the second story has two 2/2, double-hung windows.

The east elevation has an entrance to the screen porch. The fenestration pattern is irregular, with no windows on the basement level and four 2/2, double-hung windows and a solid wood panelled door on the first story. The second story has three 2/2, double-hung windows and the attic level has a single-light fixed sash window in the gable end of the original portion of the house. The rear ell has a shed dormer at the attic level with a 2/2 double-hung window.

The east elevation of the rear ell has one 1/1 double-hung vinyl window and a triple 2/2 window on the first floor and one 2/2 double-hung window on the second floor. The rear ell has a shed dormer at the attic level with a 2/2 double-hung window.

The north, or rear elevation of the rear ell has an irregular fenestration pattern, with one enclosed window on the basement level and one 2/2, double-hung window on the first story. The second story has one 2/2, double-hung window and one 4-light fixed sash window.

The north elevation of the side additions has three windows on the first floor, including one 6/6 double-hung window, one diamond-pattern over a 2-light double-hung window and one single light fixed sash window.

The west elevation of the original section of the house has no windows on the basement level and one 1/1, double-hung vinyl window on the first story. The second story has one 2/2, double-hung window and the attic level has one 4-light fixed sash window in the gable end.

The west elevation of the shed roof addition has one 2/2, double-hung vinyl window on the first story and a 2/2 double-hung window on the second floor. The 1-story shed roof addition attached to the rear of this section has a 4-light wood door on its west elevation.

There is one outbuilding associated with this building. The outbuilding is a garage with a front-gable roof covered with front seam metal. Constructed circa 1910, it is of wood frame construction.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

The property is located on the west side of Brogden Road, with residential property on all sides. There are several large trees and some foundation plantings on a lot that slopes down toward the northwest. The property's setting is moderately developed with suburban residences and is altered by the recent construction of a house, the driveway of which crosses the property of this resource, and by high tension wires and towers located on an adjacent tax parcel.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1890 \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Henry C. Miller purchased 4.55 hectares (11.25 acres) of land just north of Sandy Spring Road and the town of Spencerville from the Watts family in 1887. In 1913, Miller sold the property to Asa and Albina Stabler who then sold it to Roger and Pearl Brogden in 1916. The property was transferred by will twice since 1916. As a result of the most recent transfer in 1989, the property was divided into two parcels, the parcel with the house belonging to Barbara Sykes.

The Henry C. Miller Property is located in the town of Spencerville, on land originally patented in 1703 as "Bear Bacon" and in 1715 as "Snowden's Manor Enlarged" in what was then Prince George's County. This patent was a resurvey of earlier Snowden patents, and it increased Snowden family holdings to 3749 hectares (9265 acres) of land in what is now four Maryland counties. In 1850, William Spencer of Pennsylvania settled in the area when he led his relatives and others from Southampton Township, Pennsylvania into Montgomery County. A small community called Drayton was formed by Spencer on the Laurel Road (present Spencerville Road), which connected the Quaker settlements of Sandy Spring and Ashton with the railroad line at Laurel. The settlement was renamed Spencerville in 1859 in honor of William Spencer.

In the late nineteenth century, Spencerville reached its peak of importance as an economic and social center. The town contained over 100 residents, as well as two stores, a post office, a blacksmith shop, a physician's office and a grange.

The town began to decline in the first few decades of the twentieth century as the local economy shifted from agriculture to a reliance on the industries and job opportunities created by the federal government. The town was small and rural until after the Second World War, when rapid economic growth in southern Montgomery County and improved roads made Spencerville accessible to new residents. Empty lots in the town were filled with modern residences, while the surrounding area retained a rural character. Many of the old working farms remain, however, the area continues to grow into one of the major suburban centers outside of Washington, D.C.

Advancements in transportation and machinery allowed for the wide-spread construction of vernacular cottages such as the Henry C. Miller Property. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed

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greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable, gable-front-and-wing, and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are one to two-stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Henry C. Miller Property, constructed circa 1890, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of architectural integrity and a loss of its historic setting. It does not meet Criteria A and B, as it has no known association with historically significant persons or events. It is not eligible under Criterion C due to a lack of architectural integrity and loss of material integrity. The exterior of the house has been covered with applied adhesive veneer brick, several of the windows have been replaced with vinyl windows and the wrap-around porch has been enclosed. Several additions have been constructed on the west and south sides of the house, altering the original form of the cottage. A new house is under construction northwest of the house and high-tension wires and towers pass the house on an adjacent tax parcel. Finally the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannon/K. Williams

Date: 8/26/1998

Reviewer, NR Program: Michelle

Date: 8/11/02

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Clarksville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date October 1996

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None



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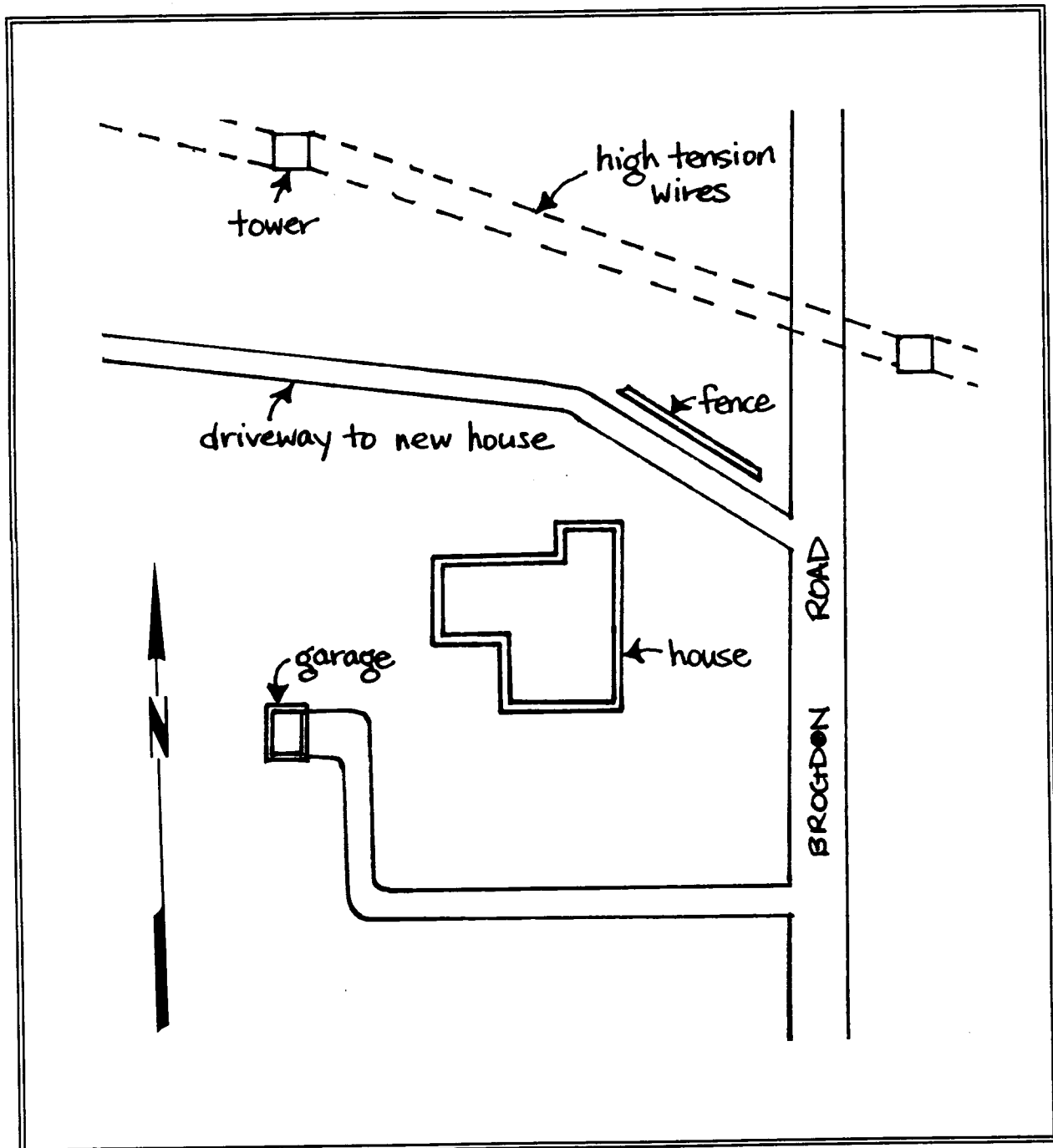
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Resource Sketch Map:



Inter County Connector Project  
Northern Alternative  
Quad Clarksville  
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Henry C. Miller Property





1 M: B-82

2 Henry C. Miller Timing, Inc.

3 Montgomery County

4 Jim Tamburino

5 February 1996

6 PAC Speco and Company, Towson MD  
21204

7 16600 Brogden Road, SE corner  
front and east

8 1 of 4

elevations



1. No. 15-82
2. Henry C. Miller Property
3. Montgomery County
4. Jim Tamburino
5. February 1996
6. PAC Spier and Company, Towson MD 21204
7. 16600 Brighton Road, Southwest corner
8. 2 of 4



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- 2 Henry C. Miller Prof. Dr.
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Jim Tamburino
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Spew and Company, Towson MD 21204
- 7 16600 Brogden Road, Northwest corner
- 8 3 of 4





1 M:15-82

2 Henry S. Miller Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Jim Tamburino

5 February 1996

6 PAC Spino and Company, Towson MD  
21204

7 16600 Brogden Road, garage

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